Under utilization of funds

424. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the utilization of funds in his Ministry for current financial year was very low; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In the current financial year April 2001 to March 2002, the Ministry has upto February utilized Rs. 1025.13 crores out of the provision of Rs. 1239.67 crores.

NGOs receiving grants in Gujarat

425. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of voluntary organizations in Gujarat receiving grants from Government;

(b) the progress of work done by them; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to encourage the Non-Governmental Organizations in the State?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) A total number of 74 voluntary organizations in Gujarat had been released an amount of Rs. 7.16 crores during the last financial year 2000-01 for implementation of the schemes/ programmes of this ministry which *inter-alia* include Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/ Fittings of Aids/Appliances integrated Programme for Older Persons like old age home and day care centre, Integrated Programme for Street Children, Prevention of Alcoholism & Substance (Drugs) Abuse, Educational & Vocational Trainig to Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes, Pre-examination Coaching for Weaker Sections including Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes & Minorities. The list of NGOs and amount released was included in the Annual Report of this Ministry for the year 2000-01 and tabled in the house earlier. An amount of Rs. 4.42 crores has been released to 93 NGOs in Gujarat, the particulars of which would be included in the Annual Report of the Ministry for the year 2001-02. A total number of 45113 beneficiaries have benefited as result of implementation of schemes of this Ministry by the NGOs in the State during current financial year 2001-02 (as on 28.02.2002).